# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
# LOK SABHA

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SC/ST LISTS
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the names of communities or groups which have been included in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in different States/Union Territories during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for their inclusion in SC/ST lists after a long gap; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring all communities at par to put an end to the stigma of concessional and favoured one, below average category?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Details of such Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities have been published in theGazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, on May 27, 2002 and June 4 2002.

(b) The Government approved detailed modalities for modification in the list of Scheduled Castesand Scheduled Tribes in June 1999. Thereafter, the proposals were accordingly processed in consultation with concerned State Government, Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for modification the list of ScheduledCastes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) The Government have been implementing several programmes for socio-economic and educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in order to bridge the gap between them and other communities.